SUBJECT No. 121.

Co-operative Societies.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that the usefulness of Co-operative Societies may be increased. (The member, when asked to make specific representations in the matter, stated that a paper mill and a sugar mill at Palhalli and a cotton mill at Mysore might be established through the medium of Co-operative Societies.)

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 122.

Agricultural Banks.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that stability may be given to Agricultural Banks.

Note.—The member promised to make specific representations in this matter the next day but did not make any such representation.

SUBJECT No. 123.

Life insurance to be made optional in the case of those who draw a pay of less than Rs. 10.

Mr. Nanje Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that orders may be passed making life insurance optional in the case of Government servants drawing a pay of less than Rs. 10.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Insurance Committee.

EXCISE.

(*Nos. 124 and 125.*)

SUBJECT No. 124.

Bagani trees on occupied lands.

Mr. Kigga Channakesava Rao, Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—With reference to Subject No. 201 of 1906 regarding the free grant of bagani trees on occupied lands, Government were pleased to reply that they would permit without auction the holders of estates to open a shop for the use of the employees therein. This will not be of much use to the raiyats as the principles of trade, when a shop is opened, do not admit of a monopoly on the part of the raiyats in whose holding toddy is drawn. It is now requested that (1) raiyats may be permitted to draw toddy from bagani trees in their holdings on payment of tree tax and obtaining a license, (2) persons owning shops may not be allowed to tap bagani trees in such holdings.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 125.

Abolition of tree-tax on bagani trees in malnad coffee estates.

Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya and others, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) When prayed for last year, Government were pleased to state that concessions would be shown in the shape of not levying any shop tax on shops opened for the benefit of estate coolies. No orders have been passed on the subject, and even if they are, they would cause inconvenience. The proprietors of large estates do not, like owners of small estates, at all know the process of drawing toddy. The proprietors have necessarily to entrust the work to Billors (professional toddy-drawers) who may occasionally tap more trees than have been licensed. By so doing, respectable proprietors and superintendents will have to appear as accused before the Amildar and be always at the mercy of the Excise